

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 ~~1~~, wherein, when said user ~~(10)~~ parks a said vehicle at a location within a geographical area covered by the virtual time pay and display service, he keys in on a telephone terminal ~~(14)~~ a pre-set telephone server ~~(15)~~ access number, he authenticates himself with this server ~~(15)~~ by giving a coded ID corresponding to the optical code, he keys in the secret code, he indicates the prospective parking end time, and he validates his instruction.
3. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 2, wherein the user programs another parking end time by accessing the telephone server ~~(15)~~, by keying in its pre-set access number.
4. (Original) A process according to claim 2, wherein the user requests, by mail, certification of his payment.
5. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 ~~1~~, wherein the optical code is a bar code.
6. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 ~~1~~, wherein the user receives an ID in the form of a voucher ~~(20)~~ in two parts, the first ~~(21)~~ forming the sticker, the second ~~(22)~~ containing the secret code.
7. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the sticker is a self-adhesive sticker.
8. (Original) A process according to claim 4, wherein the sticker is made of a material such that the user can insert it into a transparent pocket fixed on the windscreen of a said vehicle.

9. (Original) A process according to claim 6, wherein the secret code is a secret scratch code on the second part of the voucher.
10. (Currently Amended) A process according to claim 18 ~~1~~, wherein ~~the~~ an official responsible for verifying the correct payment of the parking charges uses an optical reader to read the optical code applied on the windscreen of a vehicle, and wherein this reading is transmitted by means of a mobile telephone to the telephone server which verifies the payment of the parking charge for the ID concerned.
11. (Original) A process according to claim 10, wherein a signal emitted by the mobile telephone warns the official in the event of invalid parking.
12. (Original) A process according to claim 11, wherein the signal emitted is an optical signal or a sound signal.
13. (Currently Amended) A voucher for the payment of parking charges, ~~5-characterised in that it includes~~ the voucher comprising two parts, the first ~~(21)~~ part forming a sticker comprising an optical code, and the second part ~~(22)~~ containing a secret code.
14. (Currently Amended) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the ~~10~~ optical code is a bar code.
15. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the sticker is a self-adhesive sticker.
16. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the sticker is made of a material such that it may be inserted into a transparent pocket fixed on the windscreen of a vehicle.
17. (Original) A voucher according to claim 13, wherein the secret code is a secret scratch code.

18. (New) A process for a user of at least one vehicle to manage the payment of parking charges for the at least one vehicle in a given geographical area, the process comprising:
- the user going to an approved point;
 - at the approved point the user subscribing to a virtual pay and display service;
 - said subscribing step comprising the user completing a subscription form, the user providing particulars of the user's bank account on the subscription form, and the user receiving an ID;
 - wherein said ID comprises a sticker comprising a portion having an optical code and a portion having a secret code; and,
 - thereafter the user affixing the portion of the ID having an optical code to the windscreen of said at least one vehicle.